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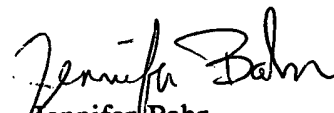
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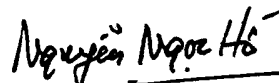
Dear Miss Coruzzi:

This communication is in response to your Status Inquiry received 04 March 1999 with regards to US Serial No. 08/637,752, which is the national stage application of PCT/EP94/03564. According to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office records, International Application PCT/EP94/03564 is abandoned as to the United States for failure to pay the basic national fee in the United States under 35 U.S.C. 371 within 30 months from the priority date claimed of 28 October 1993. The 30 months' period for paying the basic national stage fee expired at midnight on Monday 29 April 1996 and the Transmittal Letter authorizing payment of the basic national fee for the present application was not filed until 02 May 1996.

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